

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 11, line 26 to page 12, line 3, please replace the paragraph with the following:

The hop is a climbing plant belonging to the Moraceae family. Strobiles of this plant may be extracted with a solvent (e.g., ~~carbon dioxide~~, water, ethanol) or further concentrated for use as a hop extract in the present invention. It is preferably used in an amount of 1 to 30 ppm (calculated as the concentration of a hop-derived component) relative to a product.